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For:

Further to Applicants' Response to Election of Species being filed concurrently herewith, and prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

29. An injection mold comprising a mold main body including a fixed mold and a movable mold and a plurality of slide cores, and

wherein said mold main body and said slide cores respectively include mold surfaces, at least a portion of each of said mold surfaces being a coarse surface;

wherein at least one sliding contact surface exists between the slide cores, and at least one of the slide cores is slidable on another slide core; and

wherein each sliding contact surface between the slide cores is formed as a smooth surface.

